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DIAGNOSTIC AGENT FOR AMYLOID-RELATED

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Required copies of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of February 29, 2008 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

International Publication No. WO 02/097444 A2 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 21, 2006.

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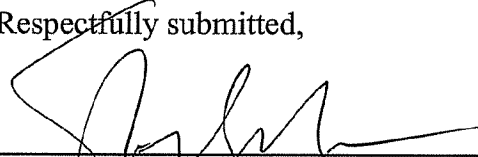
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